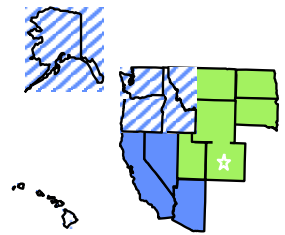




US Army Environmental Center Western Regional Environmental Office REGION 8 – SEPTEMBER 2005 **WESTERN REGION REVIEW**



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FEDERAL AGENCY NEWS & REGULATORY DEVELOPMENTS



ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY (EPA) INFORMATION

AIR INFORMATION:

GENERAL PROVISIONS TO NATIONAL EMISSION STANDARDS FOR HAZARDOUS AIR POLLUTANTS (NEHSHAP) – The federal EPA is proposing amendments to the general provisions to the NESHAP published on May 30, 2003 that include changes to the requirements for startup, shutdown, and malfunction (SSM) plans ([70 FR 43991](#)). Comments are due September 12, 2005. For more information, contact Paul Josephson, United States Army Environmental Center (USAEC), at (410) 436-1205.

1-HOUR STANDARDS FOR OZONE – The federal EPA issued a rule ([70 FR 44470](#)) that revises the 1-hour ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) tables in 40 CFR Part 81 to reflect the application of the revocation rule at 40 CFR 50.9(b) and to make minor technical corrections. All areas in the western US have had the 1-hour standard revoked with the exception of Denver, Colorado and a portion of Clark County, Nevada. This rule is effective September 2, 2005. For more information, contact Lawrence Webber, USAEC, at (410) 436-1213.

REGIONAL HAZE REGULATIONS – The EPA has proposed revisions to recently finalized regional haze regulations ([70 FR 44153](#)). The revisions remove the requirement that the determination of the best available retrofit technology (BART) "benchmark" must be based on cumulative visibility analyses, and provides minimum elements for cap and trade programs in lieu of BART. Comments are due by September 17, 2005. For more information, contact Lawrence Webber, USAEC, at (410) 436-1213.

LONG-TERM STRATEGY OF SIP FOR CLASS I VISIBILITY PROTECTION – The EPA approved a State Implementation Plan (SIP) revision that updates the long-term strategy of the Visibility SIP to establish strategies, activities, and plans that constitute reasonable progress toward the National visibility goal ([70 FR 44052](#)). For more information, contact Lawrence Webber, USAEC, at (410) 436-1213.

SALT LAKE CITY REVISED CARBON MONOXIDE MAINTENANCE PLAN – The EPA approved the SIP revisions that incorporate a revised maintenance plan for the Salt Lake City carbon monoxide (CO) maintenance area for the CO NAAQS ([70 FR 44055](#)). The rule becomes effective on September 30, 2005. For more information, contact Lawrence Webber, USAEC, at (410) 436-1213.

NORTH DAKOTA SIP – The EPA approved certain revisions to the SIP that related to permitting and prevention of significant deterioration ([70 FR 45539](#)). Barring any adverse

comments, this rule is effective on October 7, 2005. For more information, contact Lawrence Webber, USAEC, at (410) 436-1213.

APPROVAL AND PROMULGATION OF COLORADO SIP REVISIONS AND GREELEY REVISED CARBON MONOXIDE MAINTENANCE PLAN – The EPA is approving the Greeley carbon monoxide revised maintenance plan, the transportation conformity motor vehicle emission budgets, and the revisions to the motor vehicle emissions inspection program and the oxygenated fuels program ([70 FR 48650](#)). The rule becomes effective on September 19, 2005. For more information, contact Larry Webber, USAEC, at (410) 436-1213.

APPROVAL AND PROMULGATION OF COLORADO SIP REVISIONS AND DENVER EARLY ACTION COMPACT OZONE PLAN – The EPA has approved the Denver Early Action Compact ozone plan, the associated attainment demonstration, and the revisions to the Common Provisions Regulation, and regulations relating to the emissions of VOCs ([70 FR 48652](#)). The rule becomes effective on September 19, 2005. For more information, contact Larry Webber, USAEC, at (410) 436-1213.

PERFORMANCE SPECIFICATION FOR PREDICTIVE EMISSION MONITORING SYSTEMS – The EPA is proposing performance specifications for predictive emission monitoring systems (PEMS) used on stationary sources ([70 FR 45608](#)). PEMS are not currently required, however they may be used under the New Source Performance Standards (NSPS) to predict nitrogen oxides emissions from small industrial, commercial, and institutional steam generating units. Comments are due October 7, 2005. For more information, contact Larry Webber, USAEC, at (410) 436-1213.

WATER INFORMATION:

ANALYTICAL METHODS FOR WASTEWATER AND SEWAGE SLUDGE TESTING – The EPA is proposing to approve additional test procedures for enumerating the Escherichia coli (E. coli) and enterococci in wastewater, and fecal coliforms and Salmonella in sewage sludge ([70 FR 48255](#)). Comments are due October 17, 2005.

UNREGULATED CONTAMINANT MONITORING – The EPA proposed the design for the second unregulated contaminant monitoring regulation cycle for public water systems, as mandated by the Safe Drinking Water Act ([70 FR 49093](#)). This second cycle is proposed for monitoring occurring between 2007 and 2011. Comments are due October 15, 2005. For more information, contact Sallie Van Wert, USAEC, at (410) 436-4685.

WASTE INFORMATION:

STANDARDIZED HAZARDOUS WASTE STORAGE AND NON-THERMAL TREATMENT PERMIT – The EPA has released the final rule providing for a standardized hazardous waste permit. The [standardized permit](#) will be available to facilities that generate and then store or nonthermally treat hazardous waste onsite in tanks, containers, and containment buildings. The standardized permit will also be available to facilities that receive hazardous waste generated offsite by a generator facility under the same ownership. For more information, contact Michael Eck, USAEC, at (410) 436-1265.

DISCARDED MERCURY-CONTAINING EQUIPMENT RULE – The EPA announced a final rule that adds “spent mercury-containing equipment” to the federal list of universal wastes regulated

under the RCRA ([70 FR 45507](#)). For more information, contact Michael Eck, USAEC, at (410) 436-1265.

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OTHER FEDERAL INFORMATION

UPDATE OF REGULATORY REFERENCES TO TECHNICAL STANDARDS OF PIPELINE SAFETY – The U.S. Department of Transportation's Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA) proposed to adopt all or part of recent editions of 39 of the 60 standards referenced in the pipeline safety regulations for gas pipeline, hazardous liquid pipeline, and liquefied natural gas facility regulations ([70 FR 41174](#)). Comments are due September 16, 2005. For more information, contact Michael Eck, USAEC, at (410) 436-1265.

DEFINITION RELATED TO HAZARDOUS MATERIALS FOR TRANSPORTATION IN COMMERCE – The PHMSA is amending hazardous materials regulations to add a definition for "person who offers or offeror" ([70 FR 43638](#)). For more information, contact Michael Eck, USAEC, at (410) 436-1265.

ELECTRONIC WASTE REPORT – The Government Accountability Office has issued testimony on the issue of used electronics recycling and disposal. The testimony leans toward advocacy of a federal program, stating that in the absence of a national framework for dealing with the problem, a patchwork of potentially conflicting state requirements appears to be emerging. The testimony cites two viable electronic waste programs. Information about the Federal Electronics Challenge can be found at <http://www.federalelectronicschallenge.net/tools.htm> and information about the Electronic Product Environmental Assessment Tool can be found at <http://www.epeat.net/description.htm>.



UPCOMING CONFERENCES, SYMPOSIUMS AND TRAINING ANNOUNCEMENTS

EVENT	DATE	LOCATION	DETAILS
Qualified Recycling Program Course	Multiple Dates	Multiple Sites	The course provides training on how to identify and market recyclable materials. The course is for any individual associated with an installation recycling program or DoD precious-metals recovery program. www.almc.army.mil/EMD/Page5.html
EPA Training Courses	Multiple Dates	Multiple Sites	The EPA continually offers regional and national training opportunities on a variety of subjects. www.trainex.org
WASTECON 2005	September 27 – 29, 2005	Austin, TX	Sponsored by the Solid Waste Association of America, this conference offers the latest information regarding electronic waste, recycling waste, landfill management and other solid waste issues. http://www.swana.org/sections/wastecon/schedule.aspx
National Preservation Conference	September 27 – October 2, 2005	Portland, OR	The conference theme is "Sustain America: Vision, Economics, and Preservation." www.nthpconference.org
Certified Infrastructure Preparedness Specialist Course	October 17 – 19, 2005	Las Vegas, NV	This program is designed to educate attendees in matters of disaster management, planning and response as detailed in the federal National Incident Management System (NIMS). www.oip-usa.us
Annual Conference on Soils, Sediments and Water	October 17 – 20, 2005	Amherst, MA	The conference theme is "Expediting and Economizing Cleanups." Live equipment demonstrations will augment the exhibition section which brings real world application to the technical theory and case studies that will be presented in the sessions. www.umasssoils.com
National Registry of Environmental Professionals Annual Conference	October 17-20, 2005	Las Vegas, NV	This year's theme is "Success Express." The conference will present case histories and programs on a wide variety of environmental topics. www.nrep.org
Army Pest Management Technology In Progress Review Meeting	October 17 – 21, 2005	Linthicum, MD	This meeting is designed for new and veteran Installation Pest Management Coordinators and Pest Management Quality Assurance Evaluators. http://aec.army.mil/usaec/pest/pest03a.html
Water Environment Federation 78th Annual Technical Exhibition and Conference	October 29 – November 2, 2005	Washington, DC	This conference provides insights into developments, regulations, and research regarding water quality challenges. www.weftec.org/index.htm
Brownfields 2005	November 2-4	Denver, CO	Learn about brownfields cleanup, redevelopment, and reuse. Sponsored by the EPA and the International City/County Management Association. http://www.brownfields2005.org/en/index.aspx
National Groundwater Association Conference	November 7-8, 2005	New Orleans, LA	This is the third annual remediation costs conference. Topics on optimization and performance modeling have been added to this year's agenda. www.ngwa.org/e/conf/0511075010.shtml
Partners in Environmental Technology Technical Symposium & Workshop	November 29 – December 1, 2005	Washington, DC	The event will address efforts to ensure the sustainability of military testing and training ranges and reduce current and future environmental liabilities. www.serdp.org/symposiums/symposiums.html

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STATE REGULATORY DEVELOPMENTS, LEGISLATION, AND NEWS



COLORADO

REGULATORY DEVELOPMENTS & OTHER STATE INFORMATION

AIR INFORMATION:

REVISION TO CLASS I VISIBILITY SIP – The Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) has revised Regulation Number 3, regarding Class I visibility SIP long-term strategy of the EPA visibility protection program. Barring any adverse comments, the revisions have an effective date of September 30, 2005. For more information, contact Dan Ely (303) 692-3228.

EMISSION CONTROLS FOR PARTICULATES, SMOKES, CARBON MONOXIDE AND SULFUR OXIDES – The CDPHE has adopted amendments to Regulation 1 that revise the requirements for Fort Carson military training exercises. The amendments were approved at a hearing held on July 21, 2005. They will become effective on September 30, 2005. For more information, contact Kirsten King at (303) 692-3111.

REVISIONS TO REGULATION 3 AND THE COMMON PROVISIONS REGULATION – The CDPHE has adopted revisions to conform to recent changes in federal regulations that pertain to the deletion of certain compounds listed as either hazardous air pollutants (HAPs) or volatile organic chemicals (VOCs). The CDPHE has also adopted revisions to Section V of Regulation 3 regarding certification and trading of emission reduction credits. The revisions were adopted at a hearing held on July 21, 2005 and will become effective on September 30, 2005. For more information, contact Jean Terry at (303) 692-3255.

NESHAP RULES AND RECOGNITION OF ENVIRONMENTAL LEADERSHIP PROGRAM – The CDPHE has adopted by reference Regulation 8, related to National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants (NESHAPs) and has recognized the Environmental Leadership Program. The amendments were adopted at a hearing held on July 21, 2005. The amendments become effective on September 30, 2005. For more information, contact Melanie Loyzim at (303) 692-3147.

WATER INFORMATION:

TRIENNIAL REVIEW FOR DISCHARGE TO STORM SEWERS – The Water Quality Control Commission (WQCC) has adopted revisions to Regulation 65, which clarify that a permit is required for all discharges into a storm sewer other than pollutants found in naturally occurring stormwater runoff. The amendments were adopted at a hearing held on July 11, 2005. For more information, contact David Akers at (303) 692-3591.

REVISED WATER QUALITY STANDARDS FOR EAGLE RIVER – The WQCC proposed amendments to the water quality standards for Segments 5 and 7 of the Eagle River. The

WQCC had scheduled a water quality standards hearing on February 14, 2005. However, the WQCC has postponed the hearing to December 12, 2005. For more information, contact Diana Glaser at (303) 692-3469.

DEVELOPMENT OF THE 2006 303(D) LIST – The CDPHE is discussing the development of the 2006 303(d) list. For the 2006 listing cycle, the CDPHE is soliciting chemical, physical, biological, habitat, and/or toxicological data for all surface waters of the state. Comments were due August 1, 2005. A draft list will be discussed at the WQCC meeting scheduled for October 11, 2005. For more information, contact Phil Hegeman at (303) 692-3500.

2005 REVIEW OF BASIN STATES SALINITY WATER QUALITY STANDARDS – The Colorado River Basin Salinity Control Forum is developing the 2005 Review of the water quality standards for the seven Colorado River Basin states. The Forum accepted comments on a draft plan through August 26, 2005. For more information, contact Jack Barnett at (801)292-4663. The Draft 2005 Colorado River Basin Salinity Control Forum review is available at http://deq.state.wy.us/wqd/surfacestandards/Downloads/Salinity/2005_review/2005%20Review%20June%20Draft.pdf.

WASTE INFORMATION:

None.

OTHER INFORMATION:

AMENDMENTS TO FLOODPLAINS REGULATIONS – The Colorado Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is proposing to amend the regulatory floodplain rule to provide uniform standards for floodplains regulated in Colorado and stipulate the process by which floodplains will be designated and approved by the Colorado Water Conservation Board. The DNR will hold a public hearing on September 12, 2005. For more information, contact Thomas Browning at 303-866-3441. The proposed regulations are available at http://www.dora.state.co.us/pls/real/SB121.Download_file?p_file=F22470/floddplain%20rules_DORA.pdf.

AMENDMENTS TO WATERFOWL REGULATIONS – The DNR has adopted amendments that add certain species to the list of regulated waterfowl; update hunting season opening and closing dates; change certain bag limits; and revise the location of certain hunting areas. The amendments were adopted at a hearing held on July 14, 2005. For more information, contact Brett Ackerman at (303) 291-7278. .

AMENDMENTS TO SMALL GAME REGULATIONS – The DNR has adopted amendments that update the season dates for pheasant and quail for the 2005-2006 season. Additionally, amendments to the greater prairie chicken season have been made to increase hunter participation. Lastly, amendments were made to the TIPS (Turn in Poachers) program to clarify its intent. The amendments were adopted at a hearing held on July 15, 2005. For more information, contact Brett Ackerman at (303) 291-7278.

LEGISLATIVE DEVELOPMENTS

The 2005 legislative session began on January 12, 2005 and ended on May 9, 2005. For information on the 2005 legislative session, link: <http://www.leg.state.co.us/>.

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MONTANA

REGULATORY DEVELOPMENTS & OTHER STATE INFORMATION

AIR INFORMATION:

None.

WATER INFORMATION:

UPDATE OF SURFACE WATER QUALITY STANDARDS – The Montana Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) is proposing to update State Numeric Water Quality Standards that include updating the following: freshwater fish consumption rates; groundwater health standards; and human health standards for bacteria. The DEQ held a public meeting to discuss the proposed changes on August 10, 2005. For more information, contact Robert Bukantis at (406) 444-4684.

WASTE INFORMATION:

None.

LEGISLATIVE DEVELOPMENTS

The 2005 legislative session began on January 3, 2005 and ended on April 21, 2005. For information on the 2005 legislative session, link: <http://www.leg.state.mt.us>.

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NORTH DAKOTA

REGULATORY DEVELOPMENTS & OTHER STATE INFORMATION

AIR INFORMATION:

None.

WATER INFORMATION:

None.

WASTE INFORMATION:

None.

LEGISLATIVE DEVELOPMENTS

The 2005 legislative session began on January 4, 2005 and ended on April 29, 2005. For information on the 2005 legislative session, link: <http://www.state.nd.us/lr/>.

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SOUTH DAKOTA

REGULATORY DEVELOPMENTS & OTHER STATE INFORMATION

AIR INFORMATION:

None.

WATER INFORMATION:

None.

WASTE INFORMATION:

None.

LEGISLATIVE DEVELOPMENTS

The 2005 legislative session began on January 11, 2005 and ended March 22, 2005. For information on the 2005 legislative session, link: <http://legis.state.sd.us/index.cfm>.

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UTAH

REGULATORY DEVELOPMENTS & OTHER STATE INFORMATION

AIR INFORMATION:

FEDERAL DEFINITION OF VOLATILE ORGANIC COMPOUND – The Utah Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) adopted amendments to incorporate the new federal definition of “volatile organic compound” (VOC) into Utah rules. The rule was adopted at a hearing on July 6, 2005 with an effective date of July 7, 2005. For more information, contact Jan Miller at (801) 536-4042. The current VOC definition is available at <http://www.rules.utah.gov/publicat/code/r307/r307-101.htm#T2>.

WATER INFORMATION:

WATER REUSE – The DEQ is discussing amendments of the water reuse rules contained in R317-1. The DEQ released amendments on July 15, 2005. Comments were due on August 15, 2005. Barring any adverse comments, the rules will be adopted on September 1, 2005. For more information, contact John Kennington at (801) 538-6146. The proposed changes are available at <http://rules.utah.gov/publicat/bulletin/2005/20050715/28054.htm>.

DRINKING WATER RULES – The DEQ is proposing to amend R309-100 to update the definition of a public drinking water system and increase the frequency for conducting sanitary surveys of public water systems to remain current with federal requirements. Comments were due July 15, 2005. The rule changes will be considered at the Water Quality Board hearing in September 2005. For more information, contact Ken Bousfield at (801) 536-4207. Notice of the rulemaking is available at <http://rules.utah.gov/publicat/bulletin/2005/20050615/27964.htm>.

UPDATES PURSUANT TO FEDERAL ARSENIC AND FILTER BACKWASH RECYCLING REGULATIONS – The DEQ is proposing to amend R309-105, 110, 200, 205, 215, 220, 505, and 535 as required by the federal arsenic and filter backwash recycling regulations. Comments were due July 15, 2005. The rule changes will be considered at the Water Quality Board hearing in September 2005. For more information, contact Ken Bousfield at (801) 536-4207.

2005 REVIEW OF BASIN STATES SALINITY WATER QUALITY STANDARDS – The Colorado River Basin Salinity Control Forum is developing the 2005 Review of the water quality standards for the seven Colorado River Basin states. The Forum accepted comments on a draft plan through August 26, 2005. For more information, contact Jack Barnett at (801) 292-4663. The Draft 2005 Colorado River Basin Salinity Control Forum review is available at http://deq.state.wy.us/wqd/surfacestandards/Downloads/Salinity/2005_review/2005%20Review%20June%20Draft.pdf.

ONSITE WASTEWATER SYSTEMS – The DEQ is proposing amendments that repeal the existing alternative methods and replace them with new, clearer methodologies that will better delineate responsibilities between the DEQ and local and state health agencies. The DEQ also

expects to add several new onsite wastewater disposal system technologies to the rules. Due to comments received, the regulatory language was revised and presented at a hearing held on August 19, 2005. An additional 30-day comment period is expected. For more information, contact Kiran Bhayani at (801) 538-6080. The proposed rule text is available at http://waterquality.utah.gov/Rules/R317-4_text_6-6-05.pdf.

WASTE INFORMATION:

None.

LEGISLATIVE DEVELOPMENTS

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WYOMING

REGULATORY DEVELOPMENTS & OTHER STATE INFORMATION

AIR INFORMATION:

None.

WATER INFORMATION:

2005 REVIEW OF BASIN STATES SALINITY WATER QUALITY STANDARDS – The Colorado River Basin Salinity Control Forum is developing the 2005 Review of the water quality standards for the seven Colorado River Basin states. The Forum accepted comments on a draft plan through August 26, 2005. For more information, contact Jack Barnett at (801)292-4663. The Draft 2005 Colorado River Basin Salinity Control Forum review is available at http://deq.state.wy.us/wqd/surfacestandards/Downloads/Salinity/2005_review/2005%20Review%20June%20Draft.pdf.

SURFACE WATER STANDARDS – The Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) is preparing to amend its water quality standards as part of the State's Triennial review. A public meeting will be held on September 13, 2005. For more information, contact Mr. Bill DiRienzo at (307) 777-7081. The draft documents are available at <http://deq.state.wy.us/wqd/surfacestandards/index.asp>.

POWDER RIVER ASSIMILATIVE CAPACITY ALLOCATION AND CONTROL PROCESS – The DEQ is discussing the development of a mechanism, within the existing Wyoming Pollutant Discharge Elimination System regulatory framework, that allows discharges of coal bed natural gas produced water to the Powder River mainstem while providing assurance that the Wyoming and Montana standards for total dissolved solids and sodium are protected. A public meeting will be held on September 13, 2005. For more information, contact Todd Parfitt at (307) 777-6709. The draft Process document is available at <http://deq.state.wy.us/wqd/npdesprogram/cbm/downloads/Assimilative%20Capacity%205-0806%2007-19-05.pdf>.

AMENDMENTS TO CROSS CONNECTION AND BACKFLOW PREVENTION RULES FOR PUBLIC WATER SUPPLY DISTRIBUTION SYSTEMS – The DEQ is proposing amendments that would allow residential and domestic non-residential service connections to be exempted from the requirement to install backflow prevention devices to provide premises containment if certain conditions are met. The revisions were presented to the Environmental Quality Council (EQC). No timeline has been established. For more information, contact Lou Harmon at 307-777-7088.

WASTE INFORMATION:

ADOPTION OF FEDERAL RCRA RULES – The DEQ is redrafting amendments to its hazardous waste regulations and adopt federal RCRA rules adopted through June 30, 2001.

The rule making proposal is anticipated to be submitted to the EQC in fall 2005. For more information, contact Paige Smith at (307) 777-8759.

REVISION OF STORAGE TANK REGULATIONS – The DEQ is proposing amendments to regulations regarding leak prevention for storage tanks. These amendments will update the requirements for regulated underground and above ground storage tanks. A hearing date before the Environmental Quality Council is expected in fall 2005. For more information, contact Robert Lucht at (307) 777-7095.

AMENDMENTS TO WYOMING WATER QUALITY REGULATIONS – The DEQ is proposing amendments to water quality rules pertaining to fuel and hazardous substances storage tanks. The DEQ will hold a public hearing on September 14, 2005 to consider the amendments. For more information, contact Robert Lucht at (307) 777-7095.

AMENDMENTS TO THE HAZARDOUS WASTE FINANCIAL ASSURANCE REQUIREMENTS – The DEQ is discussing amendments to hazardous waste rules relating to financial assurances. The amendments will be discussed at the September meeting of the DEQ Water and Waste Advisory Board. For more information, contact Paige Smith at (307) 777-8759.

LEGISLATIVE DEVELOPMENTS

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